**Creative Kidz—Content**

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**About**

**Our mission statements**

Creative Kidz Kinder Care takes pride in providing the highest level of care to our families. Our facility is designed to make your child feel comfortable, accepted and confident as they learn and interact with other children. All of our staff have earned their certifications or degrees in early childhood education and have passed all of our strict background and reference checks. We only employ the best teachers and staff to care for our students. All staff members are trained to teach an age appropriate curriculum to all children at every level of their development. Staff retention rate is very high.

**Our Location**

Our school is designed to create a safe and happy environment for the growth and education of our children. Everything was put together with children in mind.

The whole facility is bright and colorful with plenty of natural light. A beautiful creative mural and the aquarium keeps children interested, excited and fascinated in the reception area. All classes have windows looking in so parents and staff can observe the children.

Classrooms are designed for all age groups and they are color themed.

There’s always time for play. Our school has 2 playgrounds outdoors for different age groups and one indoor play area. The equipment have been chosen with safety in mind and they are age appropriate for all the children. Rubber material is used so children can play and run safely.

**Our Leadership Team**

Creative Kidz is very mindful of the significant role that teachers play in our children’s education and are very proud to have created a high quality team.

Each teacher is selected for their unlimited love for children, professionalism, commitment to provide quality care and education. Our teachers have an average of over 10 years of experience. They are being led by 2 full time directors, each with over 20 years of experience. All of our teachers meet and exceed DCFS requirements.

**Brittany Robertson**

Chief Operations Officer

Brittany is Creative Kidz Chief Operations Officer. She began her career w in 2007 as a pre-K Teacher. She left to obtain her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at Oregon State University. Brittany quickly showed her strengths as a leader and was promoted to the Regional Director. Brittany has grown in her career and is now the Chief Operating Officer. She maintains support to each school's Site Director, Area Directors, teachers, children and families, ensuring a quality consistent program. Brittany is proud to work for us because of its reputable academic program, collaborative work environment, and commitment to families. Brittany's teaching philosophy is to build personal relationships with each child and encourage independence in their learning. "I love coming to work! This community is so special to me, as if it were my second family!" Brittany has a passion for the development of children, education, and community relationships.

**Megan Drake**

Area Director

**Megan** is the Area Director for our learning facilities. She began her career with us in 2011. She has her Masters in the Art of Teaching, as well as Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. She has worked with a variety of ages, from infants to sixth grade - "I learn something new from the children each day! I love the supporting and welcoming environment that Creative Kidz creates for its kids, families, and staff!"

**Kathy Clemson**

Toddler Activity Director

Hello! I'm Teacher **Kathy**, and I'm the Co-Teacher for the teaching center. I started as a floater/substitute in February of 2012, and am very excited to now be able to dedicate myself to the Jr. Toddler class full time! I have a Bachelors degree in Music Education from University of Akron and continuing education in Early Childhood. I've worked with kids of all ages since I was one myself. I love working with children because they're so honest, fun-loving and do and say the most outrageous things! I find myself laughing a lot when I'm with them. I love to see them learn and grow as they discover and experience the world around them.

**Kaleigh Stewart**

Infant Activity Director

Teacher **Kaleigh** is infant aide. She moved to Ohio from Southern California and is loving it. Kaleigh started working in preschools and day cares when she was in high school and decided to major in Early Childhood Education later in college. Kaleigh is very excited to be apart of this team and help these little ones grow!

**Nutrition**

Here at CCC we understand that a healthy diet is critical to physical and mental childhood development. We have spent a significant amount of time researching all healthy organic and natural choices that are good for our children. OrganicLife stands above the rest in this very important campaign for healthier children. We know that this company is the best partner and provider of meals for our precious children.

**Curriculum**

We know that children learn best when they're actively engaged. Children have the opportunity to discover their own special talents and best ways to learn while feeling valued for who they are, while having the guidance and freedom to learn in meaningful ways. We believe that all children are talented, capable and special, whether they enjoy music or math. We know they learn Science, Math, Reading and Writing concepts through hands-on, sensory-oriented activities. Creative Kidz’ unique curriculum gives children the guidance and freedom to construct their own body of knowledge in ways most meaningful to them.

**Infants**

**Ages: 6wks to 16 months**

“Primary Care” is the key phrase in understanding the quality of care your baby will receive as a part of our Infant Care Program. Each teacher is assigned a group (no more than 4) of infants to care for. They work hand in hand with each parent to create a specialized care plan for the children in their group. We offer a safe, warm, and loving environment affording each Infant the best opportunities for growth. We foster this growth through exploration of the world around them. They have access to our centers as well as our Bye-Bye buggies and will take rides on days when weather permits. Each child is provided with their own crib and sheets. These are never shared by multiple students and are disinfected as well as laundered several times per day. We use neutral cleaning products and steam to disinfect this room limiting any harsh chemicals our infants may come into contact with. To keep our Infant room clean and germ free we restrict access by anyone other than our Infants and Teachers. We do this in hopes of keeping the germs of the outside world from entering the class. All of our caring Infant Room Staff treat each child as though he/she is their own. They are also trained in Infant CPR, First Aid, and we have other staff members with Medication Administration (MAT) training.

Our teachers set goals with our parents and work with each Infant to reach certain developmental milestones. We use educational activities that focus on; rolling over, walking, grasping, crawling, pulling up, and mastering of fine motor skills. Each day the Infants will take part in several group circle times intended to aid in verbal communication and social interaction. Our staff will engage them in singing songs, reading stories and playing with sensory objects. Our educators also teach American Sign Language as an alternative form of communication.

**Toddlers**

**Ages: 16 months to 24 months**

Our Toddler room is full of action and adventure! This room is designed to aid in the growth and development of a toddler by the completion and the refining of skills learned in our Infant room. Children are given the opportunity to increase core strength, fine and large motor skills, walking, running, jumping, and communication. Addressing these skills is very important for the future success of the children.

Our schedule in this class allows the student time to play, learn, rest, and explore the world around them. Circle times include the introduction of colors, shapes, date, time, music, and movement. Throughout the day the class will sit down together for a few minutes of group learning. Students will interact socially together and with the teachers to make learning fun. By using flashcards, sign language, and sensory boxes our teachers aid the children in learning with all of their senses. The students in this class will engage in table activities each day that focus on strengthening their fine motor skills as well as their ability to follow simple directions. Our children also have the opportunity to express themselves through guided and free art activities several times weekly.

**Two Year Olds**

**24 months to 36 months**

Our Two Year Old Room is set up for what in some cases can be the most difficult time in a child’s life; the year in which a child may be expected to start caring for his/her self: using the bathroom, wiping, washing their hands, dressing themselves, and proper eating etiquette. We strive to give each two year old child a sense of routine and structure that will aid in mastering each of these valuable skills.

Our bathroom is set up specially in order to accommodate potty training with two separate bathrooms and potties side by side at different heights. This allows 2 children to use the bathroom together helping to eliminate any anxiety or fear that might occur. We have smaller potties which allow small children to feel comfortable and at peace with the potty itself. Group potty time helps with the younger children who learn by watching a child that has already mastered the proper technique. We also have a potty that is standard size which allows the children, who have mastered the smaller potties, to practice the routine of placing and using a step stool and the proper placement and removal of a potty seat.

At this age our children’s brains are like sponges. Our teachers’ goal each day is to educate and expose our students to the world around them. Our class has two circle times per day which are designed for group interaction and the establishment of a time to focus on instruction. After circle time the class breaks up into smaller groups for free play and guided activities. Each student will have one on one activity time with a teacher developing fine motor skills and creativity through art and expression. Our students also participate with stories, puppet play, and song and dance times daily.

**Preschool**

**3 years old**

This is the first class in our center that begins our students’ preparation for school. We have a core curriculum based on the Virginia Standards of Learning. We work closely with the Augusta Count School system, and teach from the “Blueprint Curriculum.” Our Preschool Class goes through a year-long process of exploration and exposure to our world, while honing the basic skills needed for advancement into our Jr. Kindergarten class.

\Our teachers follow a weekly thematic calendar designed to expose the children to what is happening in our world at that time. The teachers focus class discussions, stories, worksheets, and circle times within each of these weekly themes. Circle times last between 20 and 30 minutes each day and gradually grow in dynamic as the students learn new material. Telling time, date, colors, shapes, counting, Spanish, Math, patterns, letter and number recognition, name recognition, and writing all occur throughout the course of their day, whether it be during circle time or small group activities.

**Jr. Kindergarten**

**4 and 5 year olds**

This class is our next and final step in your children’s preparation for school. We have a core curriculum based on the Virginia Standards of Learning, and lesson plans based on Augusta County Schools “Blueprint Curriculum.” They will take part in a more traditional school structured day with several circle times and educational activities which create a great classroom setting. We focus our efforts on teaching our students everything they need to know before entering kindergarten. This program was established under the supervision of our areas local kindergarten teachers. They supported us in our efforts to create a class that was structured to resemble the kindergarten classes in our local school system. They provided us a list of skills that would make our student’s transition to local school systems as effortless as possible, giving our students the skills needed to be successful and advance in their efforts throughout school.

We offer a structured educational and nurturing environment. Our teachers conduct two circle times per day centered on our core curriculum and our weekly thematic units. Our students have a chance to create through free art and express themselves with manipulative and free dance daily. Guided activities are conducted each day under the supervision of our certified teachers. We focus on letter recognition, hand writing, one to one correspondence, patterns, telling time, math, and counting. Our students learn to follow multi-step directions given during class activities.They also work on writing short sentences, sight words, spelling, grammar, Spanish, adding, subtracting, reading, and cognitive skills. We strive to give our children the best foot forward and prepare them for the education that they will receive when they go to school. Our teachers also promote literacy and language skills through creative storytelling. They participate in cognitive activities, vocabulary expansion, and alphabet knowledge in an effort to expand our student’s oral language skills before heading off to school.

**School Age Program**

**5 to 13 years old**

The valleys premier school age program! We provide the most outstanding environment for children of our community to play and relax after school, during the summer or days that schools are out. Our spacious rooms provide over 10,000 square feet of play space filled with games, toys, ping pong, pool, basketball, foosball, air hockey, Wii, X-Box, and much, much more. We also have our own indoor Gym; 5000 sq. foot room where our students can run, jump, play dodge ball and enjoy other fun activities. Check out our 25 ft. Bouncy House with double slides and a basketball hoop. Our staff is there to help our students with their homework every day after school, as well, which frees up more time at home to be spent with family or extracurricular activities.

We transport children to and from local schools in the Augusta County and Waynesboro City school districts. Before school and after school care is available for those school systems as well. Our drivers are trained, licensed and insured for the transportation of students too! Look for one of our vans if you ever pick you child up from school!!

**Summer Camp**

**What will your child be doing this summer?**

We offer over 25 unique field trips including science museums, nature hikes, and the Massanutten Water Park. We invite guest speakers to provide a greater sense of our world and to share their experiences as part of your child’s summer curriculum. Our teachers are some of the brightest and most dedicated teachers in this field. We have licensed educators, and future teachers, both men and women who can provide a well-rounded fun educational summer experience for our campers. All of our summer staff is First Aid and CPR. We also have a school age teacher who is MAT certified for the safety of our campers. All meals, snacks, field trips, art, and educational materials are included in your price of weekly tuition.

Interested in a Tour??

Just give us a call and talk with our team! (330) 672-3000.

**Current Job Openings—Careers**

# Kindergarten Teacher

- posted on September 6, 2016

We are now hiring a Qualified Kindergarten Teacher! Full time positions available. Please apply to join an engaging and fun work environment where a love for children, education and teamwork comes first! We look forward to meeting you!

Competitive wage/benefits and SIGN ON BONUS! (depending on experience and position)

**Effective Date:**

9/6/2016

**Requirements**

Qualified Teacher Requirements:

\*Current Child and Infant First Aid and CPR Certificate

\*Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training Certificate

\*Qualifications Required within 30 days of hire

\*Bachelor's or Associates Degree in Education, or related field

**Schedule:**

Full Time, Monday - Friday

**Qualifications:**

Lead Teacher/Teacher Qualifications:

Degree in Early Childhood Education - OR -

At least 1 year of experience with Infants, Toddlers, and/or Preschool in a Certified Child Care Facility

# Toddler Teachers

- posted on September 6, 2016

**Description:**

We are now hiring Qualified Toddler Teachers! Full time positions available. Please apply to join an engaging and fun work environment where a love for children, education and teamwork comes first! We look forward to meeting you!

Competitive wage/benefits and SIGN ON BONUS! (depending on experience and position)

**Effective Date:**

9/6/16

**Requirements**

Qualified Teacher Requirements:

\*Current Child and Infant First Aid and CPR Certificate

\*Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training Certificate

\*Qualifications Required within 30 days of hire

**Schedule:**

full time

**Qualifications:**

Lead Teacher/Teacher Qualifications:

At least 1 year of experience with Infants, Toddlers, and/or Preschool in a Certified Child Care Facility -OR- Degree in Early Childhood Education

**Apply**

Interested in joining the Creative Wonders Learning Center teaching team? Please fill out an Application here and drop it off at our Front Office at your earliest convenience.

Interested in filling out paperwork to enroll your child(ren)? Please fill out the application and enrollment packet and drop the paperwork off at the front desk once completed:

Enrollment Checklist

**Contact Info**

Contact Us & Location

To contact us via email please complete the form below.

**Create Kidz KinderCare Center**

**134 Portage Rd.**

**Kent, OH 44240**

**Phone: 330-672-3000 Fax: 330-672-3001**

Email: contact@creativekidz.com

News/events

You're Invited!

To the Creative Kidz Open House Event

**News**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016 FROM 11AM-1PM.

Come out and meet our teachers and learn what Creative Kidz is all about!

Enrolling now for Free VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten)

Register Now!

Now accepting Infants (age 6 weeks) and Toddlers (ages 12 months-24 months)

Register Now!

Preschool Age Summer Program

Register Now!

Register for our Preschool Age Summer Program! The Summer A program will run from May 5th to June 20th, while the Summer B program will run from June 23rd to August 1st. Please contact us for more details!

[School Age Summer Camp](http://directory.sdes.ucf.edu/file/115/news-attachment-school-age-summer-camp.pdf)

Register Now!

Register for our School Age Summer Camp! See Attached Registration Packet for more details.

Week of the Young Child

April 6-12, 2016

Posted by SDES IT on Tuesday, January 07, 2014 at 12:32 PM

The Week of the Young Child is celebrated at early childhood programs across the US and beyond. The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

**Testimonials**

Connor started Creative Wonders Learning Center on Monday… and so far, he couldn’t be happier (or healthier!) with my decision to put him in there and neither could I! Classes for me start on Monday and I’m so excited to get this eight weeks done and start nursing.

- Karen

*Special Thanks to Jonathan and Frank Smith for helping to make my babies’ birthday party a blast! Would definitely recommend Creative Wonders Learning Center as a place to celebrate your child’s birthday! Lots of fun*

- *Abby*

*We had our daughter in a private sitters care for a year. We had to make a change to a facility because our needs changed. Our little one loves it so much and the staff made the transition so easy for us. She has learned so much in the last year we couldn’t be happier. You know a good daycare when you walk in and hear children laughing and having a great time.*

- *Dan*